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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP, CB

SUBJ: CODEL VISIT TO CAMBODIA

1. FRANCOIS PEREZ, RESIDENT HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED

CROSS TEAM, CALLED ON

ME FEB. 14 TO SAY FAREWELL AND

TO INTRODUCE HIS SUCCESSOR. HE SAID HE WAS LEAVING PHNOM

PENH FEB 23.

2. I SEIZED THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS HOPE THAT HE COULD  
EXTEND HIS STAY BY A FEW DAYS SO THAT HE WOULD BE IN PHNOM  
PENH WHEN AMERICAN CONGRESSIONAL FACT-FINDING MISSION COMES  
TO CAMBODIA. I EXPLAINED TO PEREZ THAT AMERICAN ADIMINISTRATION  
WAS NOT MERELY ASKING CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL  
MILITARY FUNDS BUT ALSO TO LIFT COUNTRY CEILING FOR CAMBODIA  
WHICH RESTRICTED THE AMOUNT OF RICE WE CAN PROVIDE FOR THE  
REFUGEES.

3. I NOTED THAT I HAD KNOWN PEREZ FOR ONE YEAR AND  
DURING THIS ENTIRE PERIOD HE HAD BEEN ONE OF THE MOST  
OBJECTIVE OBSERVERS AND EFFECTIVE WORKERS HERE. I  
CITED THE HIGHLY LAUDATORY REMARKS ON ICRC ACTIVITIES  
IN CAMBODIA IN THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON REFUGEES  
REPORT ISSUED BY CONGRESS ON JANUARY 27, 1975. AS  
A NEUTRAL SWISS AND RESIDENT OF CAMBODIA FOR THE LAST  
TWO YEARS, I THOUGHT THAT HIS VIEWS COULD CARRY MORE  
WEIGHT WITH THE AMERICAN LEGISLATORS THAN THOSE OF  
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ANY OTHER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS

WORKING IN THIS COUNTRY.

4. I STRESSED THAT AS PART OF THE ARRANGEMENT FOR THE FACT-FINDING DELEGATION, CONGRESSIONAL VISITORS WOULD BE ABLE TO TALK TO WHOMEVER THEY WISHED. PEREZ'S VIEWS ON REFUGEES, MALNUTRITION, KHMER DETERMINATION TO COPE WITH THE REFUGEE PROBLEM, ETC. WOULD NOT BE SUSPECT AS BEING PARTIAL AND COULD HAVE FAVORABLE IMPACT ON THE LEGISLATORS. FOR STRICTLY HUMANITARIAN REASONS, I THEREFORE URGED PEREZ TO POSTPONE HIS DEPARTURE SO THAT HIS VIEWS COULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. (PEREZ ALSO SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH WHICH MAKES HIM AN ARTICULATE ADVOCATE.)

5. PEREZ WAS RECEPTIVE TO MY ARGUMENT. HE PROMISED TO CABLE ICRC GENEVA FOR AUTHORIZATION TO REMAIN HERE AN ADDITIONAL THREE TO FOUR DAYS.

6. IF DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH MY LINE, SUGGEST CABLE BE SENT TO OUR MISSION IN GENEVA TO SUPPORT PEREZ'S REQUEST.

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